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## FBI asks public to help identify two Boston bomb suspects



BOSTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama vowed yesterday that the "evil" Boston marathon bombers would be found as investigators focused their efforts on two potential suspects.

"Yes, we will find you, and yes, you will face justice," Obama told a special service in the city, three days after the two bombs killed three people and injured about 180 in a hail of nails and ball bearings.

"We will find you, we will hold you accountable," he told a congregation of 2,000 at Boston's Cathedral of the Holy

Cross in a special visit to show national solidarity after Monday's attack.

"If they sought to intimidate us, to terrorize us," Obama said, then "it should be pretty clear by now that they picked the wrong city to do it."

Obama, who also met relatives of the dead and recovering victims at Massachusetts General Hospital, said Americans had seen "the face of evil" in the attacks. He listened attentively to speeches by the city's religious leaders at the service.

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## Vlogging Aruba: Marriott Resort compares five unique perspectives



People's Choice Winner Ryan van Duzer



Judges winner Joshua Johnson of Matador TV

Every mindful of the continually evolving methods in which our world researches information and communicates, Marriott Resorts, through their public relations firm Diamond, explored the world of travel "vlogging" - blogging on the net through exciting and engaging videos.

A competition to capture the best of Aruba was set up with five top travel vloggers. They were invited to the island as guests of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, where they were provided transport of their choice, a guide if they wished, and some funds. They were allowed a day and a half to explore and record their findings, and another day to edit; quite a rigorous schedule for even the most veteran vlogger and video expert.

"The tough part was leaving out so many great bits," reports Nate Fluellen of "World Wide Nate." However, they were limited in the length of their video, and many of the other vloggers admitted to having the same dilemma when finally editing their material.

The other invitees in the contest included Joshua Johnson of "Matador TV", a senior producer and editor for the largest video travel site on

the WWW, Morgan Parr, part of the "TripFilms" travel video community, Mickela Mallozi, founder of "Bare Feet," and Ryan van Duzer of "Duzer TV".

An audience of island media and local video artists



Judges Seijdy Feliciano of ATA, Marriott GM Tom Calame and Rona Coster

from each vlogger's unique perspective. Mickela Mallozi turned her love of dance and culture into her "Bare Feet" vlog, which particularly captures the native dance and music culture of her various

destinations. She took viewers well beyond the typical tourist scene to authentically interact with island musicians, dancers and artists.

Ryan van Duzer injected his love of biking and sharp sense of humor into his tour on wheels of the Aruban Outback and the Marriott Resort. Unquestionably, his was the funniest of the all the videos, which won him the "Viewer's Choice Award."

Each video represented Aruba beautifully, captured

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WASHINGTON (AFP) - A 45-year-old man suspected of sending poison-laced letters to President Barack Obama and a US senator has been charged with threatening the life of the president, authorities said yesterday.

Curtis is accused of sending a letter "containing threats to take the life of or to inflict bo-

dily harm upon the President of the United States" and sending correspondence to others "containing a threat to injure the person or others," according to a joint statement from the US attorney for the northern district in Mississippi and a special agent in charge of the FBI in the state.

Curtis also wrote about an

alleged black market for the illegal sale of human body parts that he thought was being covered up by the government, prosecutors said.

In 2007, Curtis' ex-wife reported to police that her former spouse was extremely delusional, anti-government and believed the government was spying on him with drones.

## Strengthening cooperation between the Meteo Services of the Dutch Kingdom



During the past two weeks the National Meteorological Services of North and Central America and the Caribbean met in Curaçao to discuss matters of common interest, including preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

Since the last restructuring of the Dutch Kingdom, there are now four meteorological organizations responsible for rendering services on weather, climate and seismology in the Dutch Caribbean islands. These are the Meteorological Departments of Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (in relation to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba).

The four directors of these

departments seized this opportunity to have their first joint meeting since 10-10-10, to explore opportunities for mutual support and capacity building. These include common staff training, regional modeling for weather forecasting and joint research on climate change.

During the meeting it was decided that the interaction between the four departments should continue on a regular basis, in order to improve the services to the general public in the Dutch Caribbean islands.

Picture shows, from left to right, Joseph Isaac (St. Maarten), Frits Brouwer (the Netherlands), Albert Martis (Curaçao) and Marck Oduber (Aruba).

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## A fond farewell to "Aruba Mary"

Kathleen and Stuart Nichols enjoyed their first vacation on Aruba 20 years ago, and immediately became devoted to the island, purchasing time-share at Divi Village and returning each year since. They brought Kathleen's parents with them for their third visit, which was the first time traveling outside the U.S. for both of them. Her mother, Mary, was so taken with the island, and spoke of it so longingly when they were away, she was nicknamed by her friends "Aruba Mary."

For several years, Mary returned with her daughter and son-in-law, taking particular delight in becoming acquainted with all the native residents, pleading with them to "take me home with you so I never have to leave," and with humor they would readily acquiesce. Even after her husband passed on, Mary was happy to accompany Stuart and Kathleen on their yearly sojourn to Aruba.

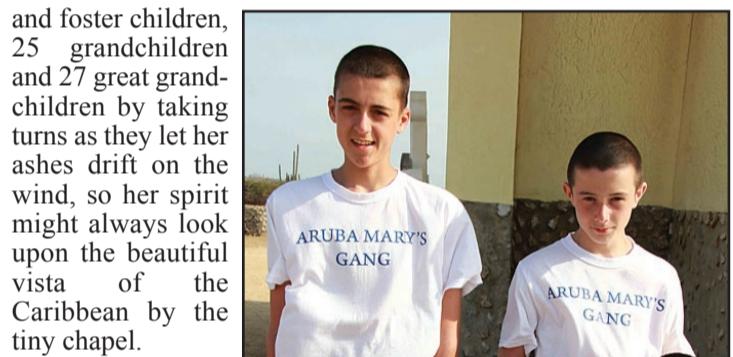
Sadly, Mary passed away this year, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. The

loss has so impacted her loving daughter, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, that all the family came to Aruba together to comply with Mary's wish, to have her ashes spread on the place she loved best on earth. They selected the tranquil and spiritual Alto Vista Chapel for their small, heartfelt ceremony, as it was a particularly favorite spot on Aruba that Mary enjoyed visiting each year.

Kathleen and her two children, Karen and Brian, and their spouses and children, represented Mary's six children



Laying Aruba Mary to rest at one of the places she loved best in the world



and foster children, 25 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren by taking turns as they let her ashes drift on the wind, so her spirit might always look upon the beautiful vista of the Caribbean by the tiny chapel.

"Every child in our family was always welcome in Mom's home," recounts Kathleen. "She told all the grandchildren if they were going to run away, run to her house. She did for everyone, and thought of herself last. She was loved by everyone, always smiling and happy, she did not need much to be happy."

Though tears filled many of their eyes as they said their final farewell, the family insists this poignant moment was

All the grandkids

not sad in the least, "but a celebration of a wonderful women who affected all with her love of life and sweet, generous nature."

Rosalie Klein



Kathleen and Stuart Nichols and their clan

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Mr. Comeimi is behind the wheel of his rental car. He is driving down the road back to the hotel. He has a box of delicious donuts on the passenger seat and the smell is filling up the car. "This sip of coffee can use a sugary bite" he thinks and goes to put his coffee away. One hand on the wheel and a quick feel later he finds the cup holder has a bottle in there. I mean he is an experienced driver ( 30 years or so ) and surely can handle picking up a doughnut and driving at the same time. A quick glance at the cup holder, "Oh never mind, I'm on vacation too and I don't feel like cleaning up." However he takes the bottle of Awa from the holder and puts it down on the floor behind his seat. Hot coffee put safely away, a doughnut in the hand driving down the road in peace what could be better?

Mr. Comeimi takes a big bite of his jelly doughnut which is really stuffed. Some jelly escapes and is sliding down his hand. He quickly glances where the glob is before it falls. It was only a quick glance but Mr. Comeimi misses the road sign signaling speed bumps up ahead. Since he is focusing on the road he does see the speed bump in the road and hits the brake to slow down. The car decelerates quickly and sends the water bottle rolling down the car. It hits his ankle while his foot is on brake pedal. Good thing he felt the bottle

roll forward! He decides to push it away with his foot before accelerating again.

Mr. Comeimi is driving an automated car instead of a stick shift, so he automatically only uses his right leg. He should have never placed the bottle on the floor behind his seat. Out of sight is out of mind. If he needed to put the bottle elsewhere, passenger side would have been safer. Did you know that when a police officer pulls you over and he or she stands at your window, they quickly assess if the floor of your car has debris?

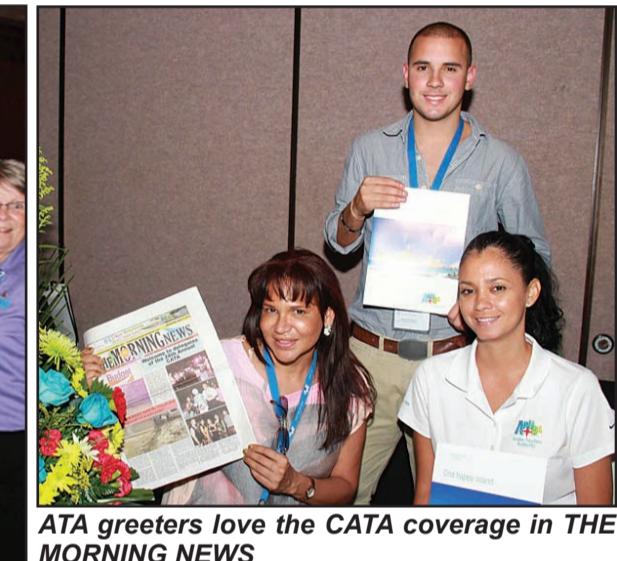
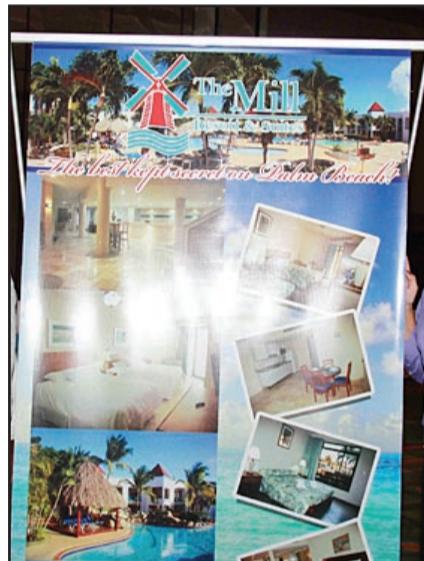
When you're driving as long as Mr. Comeimi has, you wouldn't think about what foot you use either. Using your feet to push away debris are the split seconds you need to avoid an accident. As an experienced driver all of this would be such a stupid mistake, highly embarrassing and possibly fatal.

This rolling bottle situation could have gone wrong where the bottle would be lodged behind the brake pedal and he would not be able to use the brake pedal anymore. While shifting in the driver seat you might place your foot on the wrong pedal and accelerate instead of brake.

Such a simple thing as a bottle of water that instead giving you life could bring you death. Please keep your cars' interior clean.

Alicia D.

### Delegates hard at work in the final days of CATA 2013



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vestors who want to come and promote and develop sustainable solar energy in Aruba. Our solar projects must last for decades because we are paying with an advance of 20 years for this energy.

In order to achieve and maintain the confidence of investors, we will need educated professionals in this particular field.

Enphase is here on Aruba to lay the foundation and share expertise and know-how with our local professionals. Their goal is for a competent solar region, which can only be realized if we can rely on local industries to design, install and operate solar power. SolCarib Energy is working on developing various commercial solar projects for Aruba.



has sold more than 3 million micro inverters around the world. Enphase was represented by Luis Morales, who is the leader for the Latin American market. Enphase's trainer is Peter Lum.

Peter Lum travels the globe giving courses to the solar energy industry. Lum is also professor of solar energy at Skyline College in San Francisco, USA.

Executive director of SolCarib Energy, David Williams, opened the Aruba seminar saying... "we believe that Aruba can serve as the showcase for renewable energy for the entire Caribbean and Latin America."

Williams believes that the fundamental challenge we face is to provide confidence to in-

There were over 20 participants at the seminar who came from local installation companies and other interested persons who benefited from the information presented.

Most of the information presented was based on design, installation and the operation of solar solutions of Enphase.

The training consisted of a curriculum divided into six sections which established a high level of expertise on Enphase and design. All participants will receive a certificate of participation from Enphase.

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Organizer of the event revealed that all videos had received votes for the award, and Ryan won by only one vote; it was a close race.

Judges, however, could not help but be impressed by the very professional editing and entertaining treatment from Joshua Johnson of "Matador TV," declaring him the winner of the contest. Joshua explained that he wished to capture that special feeling we get from a destination that particularly impresses us. He did this by providing a rapid montage of still shots that froze a single moment, which then segued into video revealing more of that particular experience. Judges admired his skillful editing and concept. "It captured the moment but also prompted the viewer to want to learn more," observed Marriott GM Tom Calame.

Rosalie Klein

ONE HAPPY ISLAND,  
Five Different Vloggers

 A promotional image featuring five circular portraits of vloggers: Matador TV (Joshua Johnson), Duzer TV (Ryan van Duzer), Bare Feet (Mickela Mallozi), Worldwide Nate (Nate Fluellen), and TrippinAruba (Morgan Paar). Below the portraits, the text reads "ONE HAPPY ISLAND, Five Different Vloggers".

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**Vloggers Ryan van Duzer, Nate Fluellen, Mickela Mallozi, Morgan Paar and Joshua Johnson.**

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## FBI asks public to help identify...

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Nasser Wedaddy, head of the New England Interfaith Council, spoke for American Muslims and highlighted how the Koran says that killing one person "is like killing all mankind."

Wedaddy told how he experienced a car bomb while living in Damascus as a child. "What happened on Monday has shocked and horrified us, but it has also brought us together," he said in a message carefully prepared by Muslim leaders who fear a backlash if the attackers are found to be militant Islamists.

The archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, read a message from Pope Francis in which he said the people of the city should keep "working together to build an even more just, free and secure society."

Obama has vowed a relentless hunt for the attackers and authorities say they want to

speak to individuals seen in surveillance camera images around the marathon finish line that was devastated by the pressure cooker bombs.

No claim of responsibility and no arrests have been made in connection with the worst attack in the United States since the September 11, 2001 atrocities.

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday released photos and videos of two men sought as suspects in the Boston bombings, urging the public to help identify them.

"No bit of information, no matter how small or seemingly inconsequential, is too small for us to see," Richard DesLauriers, the agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office, told a press conference, three days after Monday's attack.

The FBI posted several pictures of the two men -- who in-

vestigators consider to be armed and extremely dangerous -- at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov), as well as video footage of the pair.

"For more than 100 years, the FBI has relied upon the public to be its eyes and ears," DesLauriers said. "Somebody out there knows these individuals."

Investigators are poring over evidence gathered in the wake of the twin blasts, which killed three and wounded around 180 others.

DesLauriers said no other information would be released, telling reporters: "This is our focus now."

More than 100 of the injured have left Boston hospitals, but about 10 remain in critical condition and some will require new operations.

At least 12 people have lost at least one of their legs because of the blast from the bombs, which fired the metal fragments at low level.

## International news

### Race to find survivors after 'nightmare' Texas blast

WEST (AFP) - Rescuers in Texas yesterday carried out a painstaking search for survivors after a massive explosion at a fertilizer factory killed as many as 15 people and destroyed dozens of homes.

With the country already on edge after the deadly Boston Marathon attacks, the factory in the small town of West blew up in a huge fireball Wednesday, an explosion so great experts said it had the force of a 2.1-magnitude earthquake.

Authorities said they feared they could find more bodies in the rubble of homes and businesses leveled by the tremendous explosion, which was preceded by a fire at the West Fertilizer plant in the southern US state.

A huge part of West was evacuated Wednesday night, and Texas Governor Rick Perry said yesterday that local schools would remain shuttered for the remainder of the week. He also announced that he was seeking a federal disaster declaration which would make additional funds available.

Police sergeant W. Patrick Swanton of the department in nearby Waco said the tragedy killed "anywhere from five to 15" people, but warned he expected that toll to rise. Hospitals here have treated more than 160 people with varying injuries, he said.

Swanton told reporters at a briefing that officials were conducting a massive door-to-door search and rescue operation "to still find survivors, to still find people that are injured."

Officials said they do not yet know what caused the explosion, but are treating the

factory site as a crime scene until the investigation rules out foul play.

Others however said the main cause could be anhydrous ammonia, a chemical used in the production of fertilizer. Authorities said the investigation was being led by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The blast, which was felt as many as 50 miles (80 kilometers) away, destroyed an apartment complex and a nursing home and sent residents fleeing into emergency shelters.

President Barack Obama offered the prayers of the nation to the people of West, a town of about 2,800 people, which is home to a thriving Czech community dating back to the late 1800s when immigrants settled the American frontier.

"A tight-knit community has been shaken, and good, hard-working people have lost their lives," he said, offering the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The US Army national guard dispatched a 21-member "civil support team" to monitor air quality for possible hazardous emissions, a spokesman said, amid worries that toxic fumes could sicken residents of West and nearby areas.

In Prague, the foreign ministry said its ambassador to Washington, Petr Gandalovic, was traveling to West to study the possibility of providing aid from his government for the injured and relatives of the victims.

The Federal Aviation Administration declared a no-fly zone over the blast zone, over fears another explosion could bring down small aircraft.



CHICAGO, IL : AFP photo shows workers preparing to pull a truck from a sinkhole that opened up on a residential street in the South Deering neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois, yesterday. The driver of the truck was hospitalized after driving into the 15-feet-deep hole while on his way to work. Two other vehicles were also swallowed by the sinkhole.

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## International News

### UAE breaks up 'Qaeda cell' of 7 Arabs: statement



DUBAI (AFP) - Authorities in the United Arab Emirates have broken up an Al-Qaeda cell comprising seven Arabs who were plotting attacks in the Gulf state, an official statement said on Thursday.

The UAE is one of the most stable countries in the Middle East and has so far not seen any attacks by Al-Qaeda. It has also been spared in the wave of Arab Spring uprisings.

The cell was "plotting acts that would have harmed the security of the country, its citizens and foreign residents," said the statement carried by state news agency WAM.

The group was also involved in "recruiting people" for Al-Qaeda and providing the jihadist organisation with

"money and logistic support". It was also "trying to extend its activities to reach some other countries in the region," the statement said, without elaborating.

The seven are of "Arab nationalities," and will be questioned and put on trial, it said.

The population of the UAE, estimated at over eight million, comprises nearly 90 percent foreigners lured by work opportunities in the wealthy country.

Authorities announced in December busting a cell of Saudi and Emirati members plotting "terror" attack in the two countries and other states. They were described as members of the "deviant group," a term usually used in Saudi Arabia to refer to Al-Qaeda-linked Islamists.

The UAE is already trying 94 Emiratis, including 13 women, over accusations of plotting to seize power, in the largest trial in the history of the federation of sheikhdoms formed in 1971.

Authorities accuse the Islamists of links to the Muslim Brotherhood, which is outlawed in the Gulf state.

The UAE also arrested a group of Egyptians in December and accused them of links to the Muslim Brotherhood, collecting sensitive intelligence about the UAE, and having ties to the Emirati Islamists on trial.

Human Rights Watch said 13 Egyptians were in custody. UAE authorities at the time of the arrests put the number at 11.



### Obama slams 'shameful' defeat of US gun reform

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Bristling with anger, President Barack Obama branded Wednesday's defeat of his gun reform drive in the US Senate as "shameful," and accused lawmakers of caving in to the powerful firearms lobby.

A deeply emotional Obama lashed out after a bid to expand background checks for gun buyers -- the last meaningful piece of his trimmed effort to retool gun laws after the Newtown school massacre -- failed to pass.

Ringed by dazed and grief-stricken relatives of some of the 20 children gunned down in Connecticut in December, Obama accused the firearms lobby of lying to thwart change but vowed he would not give up the fight.

"Families that know unspeakable grief summoned the courage to petition their elected leaders not just to honor the memory of their children but to protect the lives of all of our children," he said in the White House Rose Garden.

"A minority in the United States Senate decided it wasn't worth it."

As he absorbed the first significant political defeat of his second term, the president said "the gun lobby and its allies willfully lied about the bill."

"All in all, this was a pretty shameful day for Washington."

Obama was clearly furious about the vote, months after vowing to use all his power to enact gun reform in the tearful aftermath of the Newtown tragedy.

Obama complained that Republicans and some of his own Democrats had simply been scared of the well-financed gun lobby.

"They caved to the pressure. And they started looking for an excuse, any excuse, to vote no," he said, vowing to fight

on for change.

But the president hinted that he would campaign on the issue in the 2014 mid-term elections.

"I believe we're going to be able to get this done. Sooner or later we're going to get this right. The memories of these children demand it," Obama later said in an email to supporters.

Republicans argued that the bill infringed on the constitutional right to bear arms, but Obama said it did no such thing and merely tried to stop criminals and the mentally ill from getting firearms.

Some conservative Democrats, fearing a backlash as they run for re-election, also opposed the bill.

Chris Cox, chief lobbyist for the National Rifle Association, the top pro-gun pressure group, said the bill was "misguided" and would have criminalized arms transfers between law-abiding citizens and friends.

"Expanding background checks, at gun shows or elsewhere, will not reduce violent crime or keep our kids safe in their schools," Cox said.

Obama's calls for a reinstated ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazine clips also crashed in the Senate, as expected.

The background checks bill did attract a majority vote -- 54-46 -- but 60 senators were needed for passage.

After the measure went down, one gun violence survivor, Patricia Maisch, shouted "Shame on you!" from the Senate gallery.

Maisch was at the 2011 shooting that left six people dead and then-congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords gravely wounded in Arizona.

Giffords was at Obama's side in the White House Rose Garden, along with Vice President Joe Biden and traumatized parents of several Newtown children.

"They have no souls, they have no compassion for the experiences that people have lived through (with) gun violence, who have had a child or a loved one murdered by a gun," Maisch said.

Obama was incensed by claims from some conservatives that he had used relatives of victims as political props in the campaign debate.

"Do we really think thousands of families whose lives have been shattered by gun violence don't have a right to weigh in on this issue?" he asked.

Before Obama spoke, Mark Barden, whose seven-year-old son Daniel died at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, promised to carry on the battle.

Shortly before the vote, Republican Senator John McCain announced his backing, but he knew the amendment was already doomed.

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## Dutch court rejects bid to halt mass meat recall

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court on Thursday rejected a bid by a meat wholesaler to quash an order recalling 50,000 tonnes of beef potentially contaminated with horsemeat.

"The court rejects the request for a preliminary injunction," on Dutch food authority NVWA's recall of meat handled by Willy Selten, judge Reinier van Zutphen said at the commercial court in The Hague.

Businessman Selten, allegedly a key player in Europe's horsemeat scandal, had sought to overturn the NVWA's order to recall all meat sold by the company over the last two years.

The watchdog recalled 50,000 tonnes of beef suspected to have been contaminated with horse, asking hundreds of companies across Europe supplied by Selten to check their products.

Selten's company was on Tuesday declared bankrupt and placed under curatorship.

His lawyer, Frank Peters, said Selten was disappointed after he informed him of the court's decision by phone.

NVWA spokesman Brenno Bruggink said that it was now up to other countries that bought meat from Selten to decide whether they wanted to order national recalls.

Around half the suspect meat was sold in The Netherlands and half in the EU, he said.

"We think that most of it has already been eaten," Bruggink said. "We have to go and do what we can. Whatever we can find, we'll find."

Lawyer Peters had argued Tuesday that the recall was "disproportionate" and "bizarre and bordering on the mass hysteria gripping the whole of Europe".

He said there had never been a complaint in the 22 years in which Selten's company distributed meat from the small Dutch town of Oss, stressing: "All his meat comes from within the European Union."

The NVWA said it had sent a letter to 130 Dutch companies who were supplied with possible horse-contaminated beef from the Selten company, asking them to "take it off the market as a precautionary measure" and "verify all products".

The NVWA authority said that although the meat's origin could not be guaranteed, "there are no signs of a danger to the public health".

Dutch officials in February

raided the Selten meat processing plant in the south of The Netherlands on suspicion that it was mixing horsemeat with beef and selling it as pure beef.

It handled imports from various European countries and delivered to retailers, meat wholesalers, butchers, the meat processing industry and supermarkets throughout Europe.

The plant was probed as part of a criminal investigation by the prosecutor's office and the NVWA.

It is suspected of fraud and money laundering, the prosecutor's office said at the time.

Since the horsemeat scandal erupted in Ireland in January, governments have scrambled to figure out how and where the mislabelling of meat happened in the sprawling chain of production spanning abattoirs and meat suppliers across Europe.



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## Experts seek ramped up action to save newborn lives

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - More and more newborn babies are dying annually despite greater knowledge about what kills them, and cheap and simple measures to save them, a global conference in Johannesburg heard Monday.

Rights activist Graca Machel, the wife of Nelson Mandela, bemoaned a lack of urgency in finding ways to save the three million babies who die each year in their first four weeks of life.

Most of these babies die from preventable conditions linked to inadequate healthcare for both the mother and child in poor countries.

Despite years of debate on the subject, "what has not been changed is our attitude -- to act with urgency, not as business as usual," said Machel.

Gary Darmstadt, director of family health with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said that despite increased levels of knowledge about baby deaths, newborns continue to die.

According to the UN children's agency UNICEF, newborn mortalities have grown as a percentage of child deaths from 36 percent in 1990 to 43 percent in 2011.

The heaviest neonatal deaths are recorded in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The worst performer was the continent's most populous state Nigeria which has a quarter of a million newborns dying annually.

## Health & Living

### Swedish anorexia patients targeted by modelling agencies



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A Stockholm treatment centre for eating disorders on Thursday said talent scouts from modelling agencies had approached their patients outside the clinic, hoping to recruit them.

"They were outside the building and waited for the girls to go out for a walk," the director of the public institution, Anna-Maria af Sandberg, told Swedish news agency TT, without naming the agencies.

The unscrupulous head hunters were familiar with the patients' every day routine and would stop at nothing, she added.

"One of those contacted was in a wheelchair because she was so skinny," af Sandberg said.

The incident took place several months ago, and the girls' schedules have since been changed.

The director of the Elite Model Management agency in Stockholm, Fredo Kazemi, denounced the methods as "disgusting and unethical."

The Stockholm centre for eating disorders is the largest facility of its kind in Sweden, currently treating some 1,200 in-patients and day patients, most of whom are girls but also boys and adults.

The fashion industry is regularly accused of promoting extreme thinness and working with models that suffer from eating disorders.

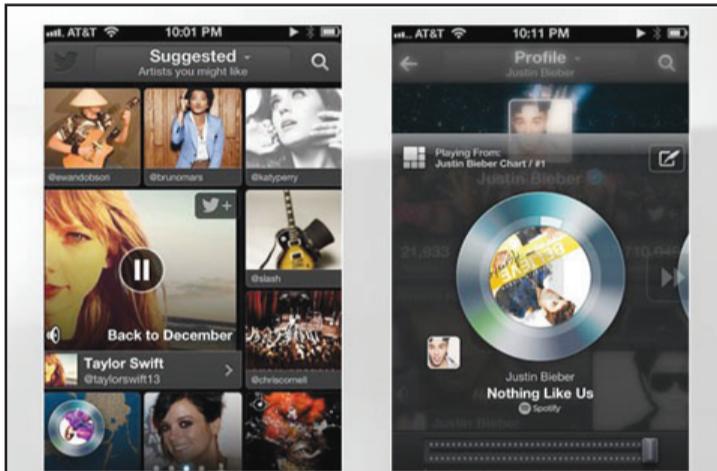
Earlier this year, Israel banned models with a BMI (body mass index) level below 18.5 from photo shoots and advertising campaigns.

Other countries have so far only introduced non-binding professional codes of conduct.



## Sci-Tech

### Twitter launches music-finding service



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Twitter on Thursday launched a music service that recommends tunes based on what people are 'tweeting' about and lets people sample songs they might like.

"We're releasing Twitter #music, a new service that will change the way people find music, based on Twitter," the San Francisco-based firm said in a release.

"It uses Twitter activity, including Tweets and engagement, to detect and surface the most popular tracks and emerging artists," Twitter continued.

"It also brings artists' music-related Twitter activity front and center. And, of course, you

can tweet songs right from the app."

Twitter users can get 30-second samples of songs from iTunes, Spotify or Rdio music services, but the default provider is Apple's online shop iTunes.

"So, if you're interested in the songs that have been tweeted by the artists and people you follow on Twitter, you can navigate to #NowPlaying to view and listen to those songs," Twitter said.

Twitter Music applications for Internet web browsers and Apple mobile devices let people see what songs are hot and get recommendations based on their tastes, according to Rdio.



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### Astronomers find most Earth-like planets yet

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Using a potent NASA space telescope to scan the skies for planets like ours where life may exist, astronomers said Thursday they have found the most Earth-like candidates yet.

Two of the five planets orbiting a Sun-like star called Kepler-62 are squarely in the habitable zone -- not too hot, not too cold and possibly bearing water, NASA scientists reported in the journal Science.

"These are the most similar objects to Earth that we have found yet," said Justin Crepp, assistant professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame.

The two planets are slightly larger than ours, each with a radius of 1.41 and 1.61 times the radius of the Earth.

Scientists do not yet know if their surfaces are rocky or watery, or if they have atmospheres that could sustain life.

But their location and size suggest they "could plausibly be composed of condensable compounds and be solid, either as a dry, rocky super-Earth or one composed of a significant amount of water," said the study.

Other studies have indicated that planets with a radius under 1.6 "have been found to have densities indicative of a rocky composition."

Astronomers detected the planets by observing their star dim when the planets pass in front of it, what is known as a "transit."

Crepp first saw a dot near Kepler-62 about a year ago, and has studied the movements of the system for months in order to confirm the discovery.

"What really helped is that this star has five planets," he said.

### Arguments spill in battle over Canada-US pipeline

NEBRASKA (AFP) - Public arguments spilled over Thursday in the battle surrounding the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil from Canada's tar sands to coastal Texas.

People worried about the environment and water in the most hotly contested area of the proposed pipeline, Nebraska's Sand Hills, pleaded for a halt to the \$5.3 billion project.

But supporters insisted that years of research have shown no harmful effects would come from it, and promised it would add much-needed jobs in a still sluggish US economy.

The US State Department is currently preparing its recommendation on whether to approve the project, and concluded in a draft report last month that it would have no major impact on the environment. A final decision rests with President Barack Obama.

"The main reason we oppose this pipeline is because it threatens our waters, which is the very livelihood of the landowners we're working with to protect their land," said Jane Kleeb, head of the Bold Nebraska Coalition.

According to Vern Meier, vice president of pipeline safety and compliance at TransCanada, the company that would operate the pipeline, the project would not do any harm.

"Keystone will be a safe line, a link from Canadian and American oilfields to refineries on the US Gulf Coast," he said. "It's our job to make sure that quality materials are used to construct it, that it's installed properly, that it's maintained to the highest standards."

Another TransCanada executive, Corey Courlet, said multiple studies have projected the same "minimal" effect.

As the hearing got underway, a boisterous crowd filled an indoor auditorium, with attendees alternately cheering or booing speakers as they rose to voice their opinions.

Some of those opposed to the project wore baseball caps and shirts that said "Pipeline Fighter." At least two of those who spoke in favor were dressed in business suits.

The project aims to build an 1,980-mile (3,200-kilometer) conduit for oil from Canada's tar sands region to the US Gulf of Mexico coast.



DUBLIN (AFP) - Masked men stole eight rhino horns from the National Museum of Ireland with a street value of about 500,000 euros (\$650,000), officials said. The gang of three broke into the museum archives building in Dublin late on Wednesday, tied up a security guard and loaded four rhino heads -- each with two horns -- onto a van, police said. Rhino horns have become increasingly valuable as a component of traditional medicines in Asia, where they are falsely believed to have powerful healing properties.

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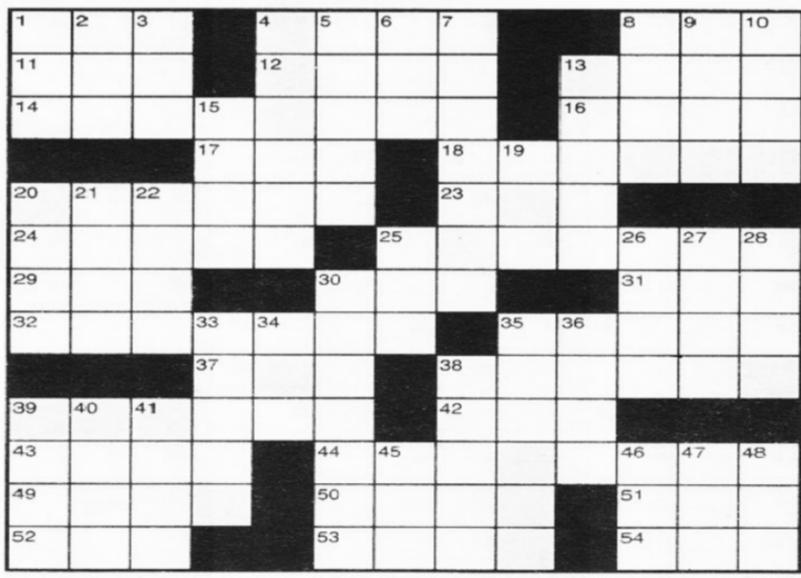
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- "Murder, —"
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- Not gregarious

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- Put in harmony
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- Weaker
- the bill
- Concern
- Garbed
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- Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
- Supremes surname
- Cage
- Above, to a bard
- Put art on the walls
- Popular Nabisco cookie
- Cut
- Entertainer Zadora
- "— Island with You" (2 wds.)
- Actress Downey
- Baseball awards (abbr.)
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- Homeowners' documents
- Select
- Model Crawford and actress Williams
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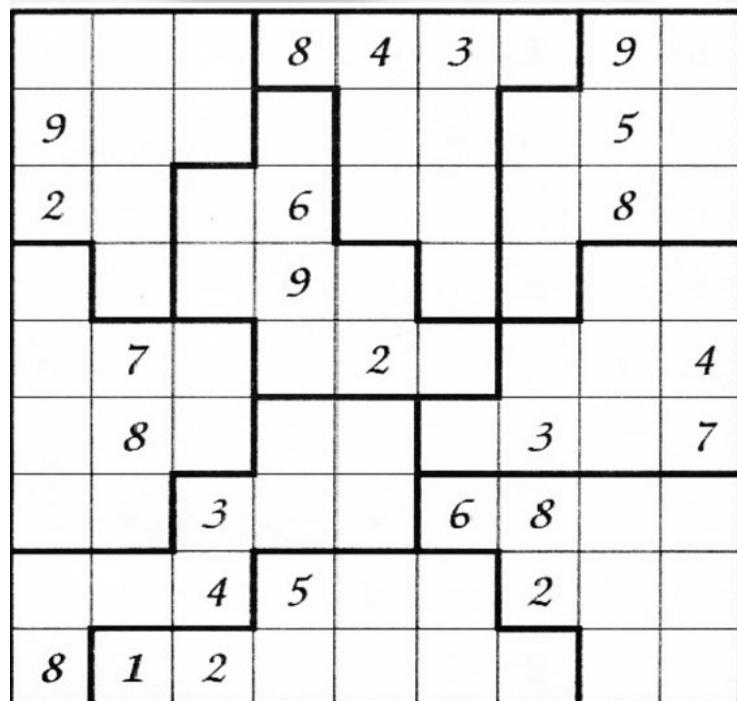
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1	6	7	9	3	5	4	2	8
2	4	5	6	9	1	7	8	3
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## Finance

### IMF chief faces court grilling in French corruption probe

PARIS (AFP) - International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde is to be grilled by prosecutors investigating a huge state payout to a disgraced tycoon during her time as French finance minister.

Lagarde has been ordered to appear before a special court at the end of May to answer questions over her handling of a dispute that resulted in 400 million euros (\$520m) being paid to Bernard Tapie.

Tapie is a former politician and controversial business figure who went to prison for match-fixing during his time as president of France's biggest football club, Olympique Marseille.

Prosecutors working for the Court of Justice of the Republic (CJR), a body established to investigate cases of ministerial misconduct, suspect he received favourable treatment in return for supporting Nicolas Sarkozy in the 2007 and 2012 presidential elections.

After winning the presidency in 2007, Sarkozy chose Lagarde to be finance minister.

Prosecutors have described Lagarde's handling of the case as "questionable" and suggested she was partly responsible for "numerous anomalies and irregularities" which could lead to charges for complicity in fraud and misappropriation of public funds.

Lagarde's Paris home was raided by CJR officials last month but she has not been charged with any crime. The

IMF has stood by her and she insisted Thursday that she would be cleared of any wrongdoing.

The investigation centres on Lagarde's 2007 decision to ask a panel of judges to arbitrate in a dispute between Tapie and Credit Lyonnais, the collapsed, partly state-owned bank, over his 1993 sale of sports group Adidas.

### Lebanon picks 46 firms for gas exploration bids

BEIRUT (AFP) - A group of 46 firms have qualified to bid on a first round of licences to explore Lebanese offshore gas fields, with 12 qualified to bid as operators, the energy minister said on Thursday.

The bidding round is scheduled to begin on May 2.

Of the 52 companies that entered the pre-qualification process, 12 qualified as potential operators, and another 34 as potential non-operators able to participate indirectly in the exploitation of Lebanon's offshore gas reserves.

BERLIN (AFP) - The German parliament approved an international bailout package for stricken eurozone member Cyprus by a large majority on Thursday.

In the Bundestag lower house, 486 deputies voted for the measure with 104 against and three abstentions.

MPs also overwhelmingly backed a deal by eurozone finance ministers giving Ireland and Portugal an extra seven years to repay aid they have received to allow them to consolidate progress.

Eurozone finance ministers formally approved on Friday new terms for the Cyprus debt rescue that will cost far more than first thought -- 23 billion euros (\$30 billion) rather than 17 billion euros.

Eurozone partners and the International Monetary Fund are to provide 10 billion euros of this amount while the Cypriot government will have to find the rest.

Germany will kick in about one-third of the international assistance.

The debt rescue involves a

minister Najib Mikati, but Bassil said he hoped to move forward quickly.

In January, Bassil said Lebanon hoped to have exploration contracts with international oil companies signed and sealed by the end of the year.

He has played down the risk of conflict with Israel over the potential reserves, despite a longstanding dispute over the maritime boundary between the two neighbours, which remain technically in a state of war.

In August, parliament passed a law setting Lebanon's maritime boundary and Exclusive Economic Zone.

The disputed zone consists of about 854 square kilometres (330 square miles), and suspected energy reserves there could generate billions of dollars.

Lebanon has been slow to exploit its maritime resources compared with other eastern Mediterranean countries, with Israel, Cyprus and Turkey much further along in the process of drilling for oil and gas.



MIAMI (AFP) - A worker uses a bucket loader to destroy gaming machines that had been confiscated as the City of Miami begins a crack down on business owners with illegal gambling machines commonly referred to as "maquinitas" in Spanish on April 18, 2013 in Miami, Florida. Miami started the destruction and collection of these machines after Florida recently passed a bill that included among other items, prohibiting electronic gambling devices for charitable promotions as well as updating the definition of slot machines and banning machines intended to simulate casino games and slot machines.

radical restructuring of Cyprus's bloated banking sector, with an economy heavily dependent on financial services now expected to shrink by up to 12.5 percent over the next two years.

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble had urged MPs to back the Cyprus bailout, citing the gradual recovery of other stricken eurozone members as evidence the aid-for-reforms strategy worked.

Speaking to the Bundestag, he said that countries such as Portugal and Ireland had shown that tough budget cutting coupled with international assistance could save a debt-mired country.

Schaeuble also noted substantial progress made in the last three years in taming the eurozone crisis, with economic progress such as a hike in exports from southern European countries as well as a sharp drop in public deficits.

Striking a conciliatory note, the usually tough-talking Schaeuble noted that Germany's preaching of austerity in Europe sometimes lacked compassion for the sacrifices made by the people of crisis-battered countries.

"In our country in particular where the euro crisis is not felt in everyday life we must issue a reminder that the people in Greece, Portugal and Cyprus are going through tough times," he said.

But he stressed there was "no other way" than fiscal discipline to achieve sustainable long-term stability and growth.

Polls show that Germans strongly back the crisis-fighting strategies of Chancellor Angela Merkel and her fellow conservative Schaeuble, with five months to go until a general election.

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## Pakistani girl makes Time's 'most influential' list



NEW YORK (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani school girl and advocate for girls' education who survived a would-

be assassin's bullet, is among the 100 most influential people in the world, Time magazine said Thursday.

Yousafzai, who was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education, is one of seven honorees to also appear on one of the various covers that the magazine has devoted to the list.

The 15-year old, who also has been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, had surgery in February to repair the hole left in her skull by a gunman's bullet, and now lives in exile in Britain.

The annual list picks luminaries from art, business and politics whose achievement make them among the world's most vital and vibrant figures.

Making Time's list this year were Hollywood director Steven Spielberg, Oscar-winning actor Daniel Day Lewis and Britain's Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton.

President Barack Obama appears on the list for an eighth time, and his wife, First Lady Michelle Obama, made it, too.

Other politicians tapped by Time include US Senator Rand Paul, China's Xi Jinping, Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi and North Korea's Kim Jong-Un.

SpaceX founder and entrepreneur Elon Musk is mentioned, as is the newly installed Pope Francis.

Pop music is represented by Justin Timberlake and Jay Z and his wife Beyonce, among others.

In the world of sports, Italian football player Mario Balotelli was included, as was US basketball star LeBron James and Alpine skiing star Lindsey Vonn, although her beau, top world golfer Tiger Woods, alas, does not.

Short bios of each of the honoree appear in the magazine, penned in many instances by equally prestigious figures in their fields.

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SEOUL (AFP) - Female flight attendants with South Korea's Asiana Airlines won a long-running battle to overturn a skirts-only dress code after the national human rights commission ruled it discriminatory. Starting from early next month, Asiana's 3,000-odd female flight attendants will be allowed to wear trousers for the first time since the company came into existence 25 years ago, an airline statement said. The decision came after the national rights watchdog, responding to an appeal lodged by the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, ruled the existing dress code was "gender discriminatory".

## Shakira sued by ex for 100m dollars

-- Shakira is being sued for 100 million dollars by her ex-boyfriend who claims he built the "Shakira brand". The singer and coach on talent show The Voice is asking a judge to throw out the lawsuit filed by her ex, Antonio de La Rua, the son of former Argentine President Fernando, who she dated for over 10 years before they split in 2011.

De la Rua claims in court papers that he helped create the "Shakira brand" and was the brains behind her hits, Hips Don't Lie and Waka Waka. The singer stated that when she first met de la Rua at a concert in Argentina in 2000, she was "already a well-known and recognised artist with an established international career". She admits de la Rue was one of "numerous advisers", but stated that "though he lacked experience or knowledge of the music industry", she decided, in 2005, at his request, to involve him in some matters relating to the business because he "was unemployed".



## Japan woman, 77, got \$4 mn from man for sex and love

TOKYO (AFP) - A 77-year-old woman who received \$4 million from a 79-year-old man in exchange for sexual and romantic favours has been ordered to repay the cash by a court in Japan, a report said Thursday.

The woman succeeded in getting around 400 million yen out of the man over a seven-year period, in what he said he thought were loans, which she used to buy luxury cars and a condominium, the Sports Nippon newspaper said.

"She had no ability nor any intention to repay the debts," said the court in Shizuoka, central Japan, according to the paper.

The court heard how the woman, who was not named, used what it called an "amorous net" to persuade him

to part with the cash, including stripping naked in hotel rooms and asking him to bathe her.

The elderly couple began dating in June 2000, the paper said, and the woman repeatedly asked for money, which she said was to pay off debts to another man whom she would otherwise have to marry.

The man, whose identity was also not revealed, sold land he had inherited and took out loans to meet her demands.

She used the money to buy top-end cars, including a Jaguar, a BMW and a Mercedes-Benz, as well as a luxury flat.

If the woman fails to comply with the civil court ruling, the man will have to take further action to compel her.

## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48, with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,



Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of

fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Tennis: Djokovic, Nadal through as Murray falls



MONTE CARLO (AFP) - Top seed Novak Djokovic passed another test on his suspect right ankle when he posted a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Juan Monaco to join eight-time champion Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals of the Monte Carlo Masters.

Djokovic will next take on Finn Jarkko Nieminen who spent two and a half hours in knocking out Juan Martin del Potro 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7/4) to reach only his third clay quarter-final since 2006.

Third seed Nadal turned in a routine performance to dispatch

German Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-2, 6-4 as the Spanish king of clay bids for a record ninth straight trophy at the event.

Nadal will next line up against Grigor Dimitrov, who beat Germany's Florian Mayer, 6-2, 6-4.

The win was the Spaniard's 17th in a row after successive titles this season in Sao Paulo, Acapulco and Indian Wells.

Second seeded Andy Murray, who has yet to win a clay-court title, collapsed to a 6-1, 6-2 loss to Stanislas Wawrinka.

The win for the Swiss in less than an hour guaranteed that

Roger Federer returns to the number two ranking on Monday, sending the Murray back to third.

The shell-shocked Scot committed 24 unforced errors.

US Open champion Murray, a 2012 quarter-finalist, went nil for two on break points and lost his own serve five times in the rout.

Djokovic played the role of ironman for a second day in succession as he overcame the ankle problem which had threatened to keep him from the event.

The Serb laboured through a second comeback in 24 hours to beat Monaco in just over two hours, with 25 winners and 45 unforced errors.

Unpredictable Italian Fabio Fognini sprung a surprise on fourth seed Tomas Berdych, dismissing the Czech 6-4, 6-2. French sixth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga thrilled his home fans as he overwhelmed Austrian Jurgen Melzer 6-3, 6-0.



**DUBAI (AFP)** - Bahrain riot police fired tear gas and stun grenades at Shiite protesters who hurled petrol bombs during demonstrations Thursday against this weekend's Formula One Grand Prix, witnesses said. The protests ended in violence when demonstrators threw petrol bombs at riot police who responded with tear gas canisters and stun grenades, the witnesses said. The February 14 Revolution Youth Coalition, a clandestine cyber group that mobilises protesters, boasted on its Twitter account that people took to the streets with "a steel will". Advocacy group Human Rights Watch accused Formula One of "ignoring rights abuses", saying that security forces in Bahrain have "increased their repressive actions in the lead up to the 2013 race."



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## SPORTS

### Football: Bayern have "no chance", says Van der Vaart

BERLIN (AFP) - High-flying Bayern Munich will have "no chance" in next Tuesday's Champions League semi-final, first leg against Barcelona, according to Hamburg captain Rafael van der Vaart.

Bundesliga winners Bayern host Barcelona at Munich's Allianz Arena bidding to reach the Champions League final for the third time in four seasons, but former Real Madrid midfielder Van der Vaart has dismissed their chances.

"One player separates Bayern and Barcelona: Messi," the Dutch midfielder told German magazine Sport Bild.

"When Bayern meet Barca

in the semi-finals, they will have only 30 percent of the ball possession.

"Barcelona have a simply unbelievable system. They always have the ball, Bayern have no chance."

Having played for Real and Tottenham Hotspur in his career, Van der Vaart's words come against the backdrop of Bayern's 9-2 hammering of his Hamburg side at the end of March, when the Dutchman set up both goals as his team were routed.

The semi-final return leg will take place in Barcelona on May 1

### Athletics: Bolt confirmed for Anniversary Games

LONDON (AFP) - Six-time Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt will compete at the Anniversary Games at London's Olympic Park in July, organisers confirmed.

The Jamaican powered to gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay in London last year to replicate his extraordinary achievements at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

He is due to run in both the 100m and the 4x100m relay, in what will be the last major meet before the World Championships in Moscow.

Bolt will be joined in the 100m by 2003 world champion Kim Collins, of Saint Kitts and Nevis, who missed

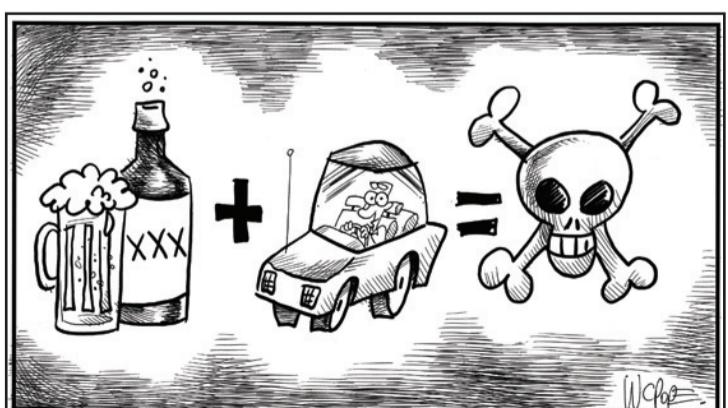
last year's Games after falling out with team officials over an authorised visit to his wife.

In total, 12 Olympic gold-medallists will take part in the July 26-28 event.

The participation of British Olympic champions Jessica Ennis, Mo Farah and Greg Rutherford also confirmed.

However, event organisers said that six-time Paralympic champion Oscar Pistorius would not be invited as he awaits trial over the murder of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius claims he fatally shot Steenkamp after mistaking her for an intruder at his Pretoria home in February.



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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Lakers gained the last berth in the NBA playoffs courtesy of a Utah defeat on Wednesday, then battled to a 99-95 overtime victory over Houston in their regular-season finale.

In Memphis, the Grizzlies held the Jazz to their lowest points total of the season, triumphing 86-70 to eliminate Utah from post-season contention.

Utah's defeat meant the Lakers were assured of a play-off berth before their game against playoff-bound Houston tipped off.

Their close-run victory showed just how tough a task they have ahead of them in a first-round series against the

San Antonio Spurs with Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant sidelined after season-ending Achilles tendon surgery.

It's likely not as tough, however, as a first-round series against Oklahoma City -- which the Lakers avoided with the win.

Once Utah were out of the picture, the Lakers and Rockets were battling to decide which would be seventh and which eighth in the Western Conference.

Memphis, who had 25 points and 19 rebounds from Zach Randolph, were already locked in to the fifth seed in the West. They'll open the playoffs on the road against the Los Angeles Clippers -- who secured home court advantage in the first round with a 112-108 triumph over Sacramento on Wednesday.

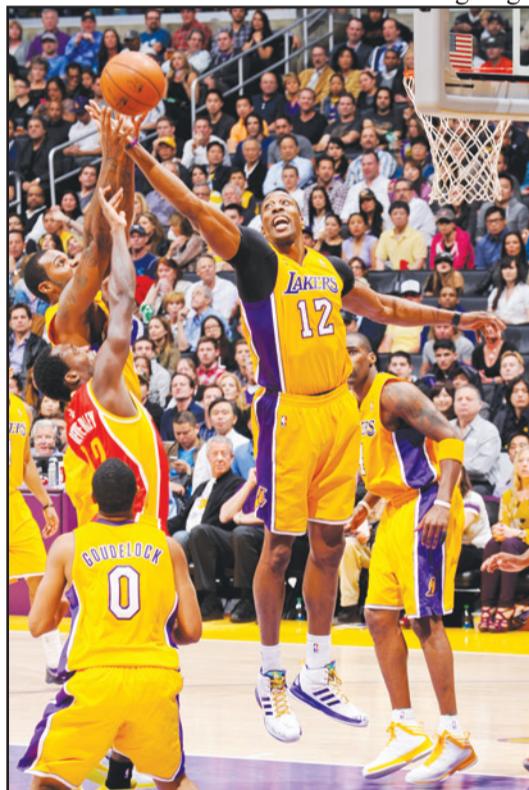
The Clippers beat the Grizzlies in seven games in the first round last season.

Reigning NBA champions Miami, with the best record in the league and already assured of the top seed in the East, cruised to a 105-93 victory over Orlando in their regular-season finale, with superstar LeBron James sitting out to rest a sore hamstring for the first-round playoff series against Milwaukee.

In the other Eastern Conference first-round series, the New York Knicks will take on the Boston Celtics, Indiana face Atlanta and Brooklyn take on Chicago.

While in Portland - Golden State's Stephen Curry also on Wednesday broke Ray Allen's record for most three-pointers in an NBA season, making four in the Warriors' 99-88 victory over Portland.

Curry finished the 2012-13 campaign with 272 three-pointers. He came into the contest needing two long-range shots to surpass Allen's single-season record of 269, set in 2005-06.



Dwight Howard #12 of the Los Angeles Lakers reaches for a rebound

James Harden scored 30 points for the Rockets, who ended up as the eighth seed and will face Western Conference top seeds Oklahoma City in the first round.

The Denver Nuggets clinched the third seed in the West with a 118-98 victory over Phoenix and will take on Golden State in the first round. The Warriors closed the regular season with a 99-88 victory over Portland.



Stephen Curry #30 of the Golden State Warriors protects the ball from Damian Lillard #0 of the Portland Trail Blazers

He made one in the first quarter, and drained the record-breaker with 6:49 remaining in the second.

The victory gave the Warriors the sixth seed in the Western Conference.

They will face the Denver Nuggets in the opening round of the NBA playoffs.

Klay Thompson led the Warriors with 24 points and David Lee notched his league-leading 56th double-double of the season with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Curry finished with 15 points and five assists.

And in Los Angeles, New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony was assured of winning the NBA scoring title Wednesday when Oklahoma City Thunder star Kevin Durant sat out the season finale against Milwaukee.

Durant, who led the league in scoring in each of the previous three seasons, trailed Anthony for the scoring title by a fraction of a point going into the final night of the regular season.

Anthony averaged 28.7 points per game and Durant 28.1. Anthony had been on fire in April, averaging at least 37 points per game since April 1.

Fifteen games were on the

slate on Wednesday, but both Anthony and Durant were among the many absentees as teams girded for their playoff campaigns.

Oklahoma City, hosting the Bucks, had already secured the top seed in the Western Conference. The Thunder closed the regular season with a 95-89 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Anthony was among the regular Knicks starters who didn't play against Atlanta, a team of Knicks reserves beating the Hawks 98-92.

Journeyman center Earl Barron, who was signed by the Knicks on Wednesday shortly after veteran Rasheed Wallace announced his retirement, scored 11 points and grabbed 18 rebounds for New York.

James White added 20 points and Iman Shumpert finished with 18, eight assists and seven rebounds.

Although they rested key players, the Knicks saw yet another man go down with an injury as guard Pablo Prigioni twisted his ankle and left the contest.

Mike Scott scored 23 points with 14 rebounds for Atlanta, who are the sixth seed in the East.

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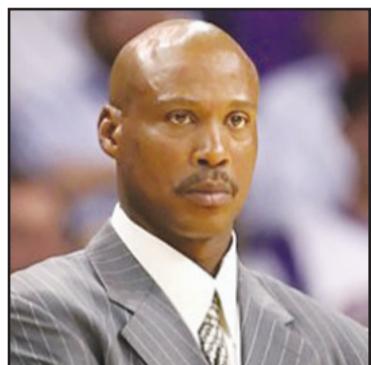
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## NBA: Cavs' Scott fired, Sixers' Collins steps down



**Byron Scott**

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A pair of NBA coaches will be looking for new jobs during the off season after the Cleveland Cavaliers fired Byron Scott and Doug Collins resigned from his position as head coach of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Scott was sacked after three seasons in which he guided Cleveland to a record of 64-166 record.

"I have tremendous respect

for Byron professionally and a great deal of admiration for him personally," said Cavs general manager Chris Grant.

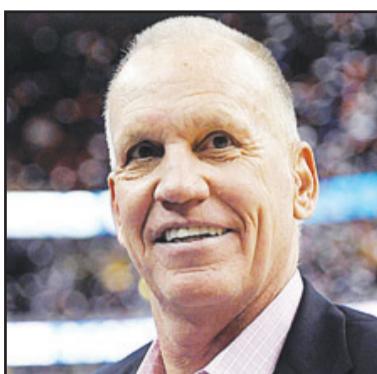
"At the same time, it is critical for where we are as a team to ensure that we capitalize on every opportunity for development and success and we have fallen short of that on the court."

He took over in July 2010, just before LeBron James decided to leave the Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat as a free agent.

The Cavaliers were 24-58 this season, ending the 2012-13 season with a six-game losing streak, and finished in last place in their division.

Philadelphia owner Josh Harris said Thursday that Collins made the decision not to return for a fourth season.

"He is not being pushed out," Harris said.



**Doug Collins**

Collins had one year remaining on a four-year deal, but will remain with the organization in an advisory position.

Philadelphia were 34-48 this season, ending a disappointing season with a 105-95 win over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday.

Collins guided the 76ers to a 110-120 record in three seasons, but said Thursday he had made the decision to step aside three months ago.

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